

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

**Notice Re: Amendments to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure  
Effective December 1, 1993**

On December 1, 1993, amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure became effective. The court has determined that the automatic operation of certain of these rules could be inconsistent with the court's Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan. The court has therefore suspended or modified by order (Administrative Order 93-125), as expressly allowed by the amendments, the following:

- A. The planning meeting required by **Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)** shall take place in the manner and at the time directed by the order setting the Rule 16 conference. The report filed with the court as a result of the planning meeting shall contain the information required by that order. Cases assigned to the non-DCM track are exempted from the meeting requirement of **Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)**, unless otherwise ordered by the court.
- B. The Rule 16 scheduling conference shall be conducted within the time prescribed by the court's Civil Justice Plan, as modified, notwithstanding the provisions of **Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)**.
- C. No civil case pending in this district shall be subject to the automatic stay of the commencement of discovery imposed by **Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(d)**.
- D. The provisions of **Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)** concerning initial disclosures shall not apply to any case brought in this district, except that the disclosures required therein may be directed by the court by order entered in a particular case.
- E. In cases assigned to a track, the provisions of **Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)** concerning the disclosure of expert testimony are modified as follows. The names, addresses, and qualifications of expert witnesses expected to testify at trial shall be disclosed as provided in the case management order. The expert's written report contemplated by **Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)**, if required by the court, shall be disclosed at the time provided in the case management order. In cases assigned to the non-DCM track, the exchange of written experts' reports contemplated by **Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)** shall not be made, unless specified by the court.
- F. The pretrial disclosures required by **Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3)** shall be made in the final pretrial order. The time for making objections shall be as established by the case management order. All other provisions of **Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3)** concerning objections and waiver of objections are hereby preserved.
- G. The limitations on the number of permissible interrogatories established in **Fed. R. Civ. P. 33(a)** and the number of permissible depositions established in **Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(a)(2)(A)** and **31(a)(2)(A)** are hereby suspended for all cases assigned to a track. In such cases, discovery limitations will be established by the court at the case management conference and set forth in a case management order. The discovery limitations contained in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure shall not apply to cases assigned to the non-DCM track.

Administrative Order 93-125 shall remain in effect until rescinded, modified or superseded by local rule or further order. The full text of Administrative Order 93-125 is available in the Clerk's office.